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| <b>Drug Court Funding</b> |                                  | <b>Agency/Program #:</b> 2110-01-I3 |
|                           |                                  | <b>Division:</b> Supreme Court Ops  |
|                           |                                  | <b>Program:</b> Drug Courts         |
| <b>Agency Name:</b>       | Judicial Branch                  |                                     |
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**Program or Project Description:**

The 2007 Legislature appropriated \$1,345,000 from the state general fund to the Supreme Court for the 2009 biennium to provide grants to drug courts and for up to one full-time administrator, ongoing review of the courts' operations, and development of policies necessary to administer the provision of grants to the courts.

| Appropriation, Expenditure and Source |                  |                 |                  |            |
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| Fund Name:                            | 2008             |                 | 2009             |            |
|                                       | Approp.          | Expended        | Approp.          | Expended   |
| General Fund                          | 597,500          | 50,495          | 747,500          | 0          |
| State Special                         | 0                | 0               | 0                | 0          |
| Federal Funds                         | 0                | 0               | 0                | 0          |
| <b>Total:</b>                         | <b>\$597,500</b> | <b>\$50,495</b> | <b>\$747,500</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Provide funding to and maintain solvency of drug treatment courts that were supported by federal funds.

**Legislative Performance Measur**

|                                       |   | Completion Dates |        |
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| 2009 Biennium Significant Milestones: |   | Target           | Actual |
| 1                                     | Develop and approve Judicial Branch policy directing distribution of state general fund appropriation                         |                  | Aug-07 |
| 2                                     | Provide grant awards to drug courts   |                  | Sep-07 |
| 3                                     | Complete funding agreements with each drug court and begin distribution of state general fund appropriation                   |                  | Nov-07 |
| 4                                     | Hire statewide drug court coordinator   |                  | Nov-07 |
| 5                                     | Develop and implement statewide database system for collecting, reporting, and analyzing performance measures for drug courts | Mar-08           | Apr-08 |
| 6                                     | Conduct statewide training for drug court professionals   | Aug-08           |        |

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| Produce initial report on drug court performance measures based on data collected from statewide database system | Nov-08 |  |
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**Agency Performance Report:**

The Office of Court Administrator (OCA), in partnership with the individual drug court judges and coordinators, have dedicated much of the time since July 2007 on assessing individual courts, setting up reporting and evaluation systems, and spending down federal and other grant dollars. At this point, most of the remaining federal and other grant dollars have been spent; this will result in greater spending of the state general fund dollars in the coming months.

To date the following activities -critical to future success of these courts - have been completed:

- The statewide coordinator has completed site visits to all but one of the 12 drug courts. The site visits include a brief evaluation of the drug court based on the 10 Key Components and specific advice for addressing problem areas. The site visits have also assisted in identifying statewide issues or concerns.
- Each drug court has entered into an agreement with the OCA that provides specific terms and conditions for spending drug court funding. The financial agreements will allow the state general fund dollars to be tracked and reported in a detailed manner.
- The data collection system is now in place for gathering specific information about drug court clients. Each court is required to submit information about every client at admission and at discharge starting with those clients that entered a court on or after July 1, 2007. The data is extensive with a focus on prior drug and alcohol use, criminal behavior and other pertinent information at admission. At discharge, the data will focus on current drug and alcohol use and criminal behavior as well as tracking improvements in employment, education and self-sufficiency. Specific data on the children of clients in a family drug court is also being collected.
- The OCA completed a contract with University of Montana Professor Dr. Tim Conley, PhD, to prepare evaluation reports based on the data collected from the drug courts. Evaluations are key to identifying weaknesses and strengths that must be addressed to ensure the success of drug courts.
- The OCA and local drug court coordinators are currently working on a training needs assessment for a statewide drug court conference in August. Drug courts are very unique for judges, attorneys and others who are accustomed to a more formal and adversarial system. Appropriate training for all parties is needed for successful courts.
- The statewide coordinator has also made efforts to develop solid relationships with treatment providers as they are key partners in these courts.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT – On-Track - Milestone for development and implementation of data system was achieved 1 month later than expected.

DATA RELEVANCE - Information regarding the status of implementation and achievement of milestones was provided

APPROPRIATION STATUS - Only about \$50,000 of the appropriation has been expended. Narrative indicates spending of state dollars should accelerate since most federal and other grant funds have now been fully expended.

COMMENTS/ISSUES - Contract for evaluation has been completed. Initial report due in November, 2008

OPTIONS for Workgroup –

1. Accept and receive update in October
2. Accept and do not receive update in October



| Version | Date    | Author  |
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| AO-1    | 12/4/07 | Gervais |
| AO-2    | 5/16/08 | Gervais |
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| Change Description |
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| 1st Report         |
| June, 2008 update  |
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